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Chairwoman Kay Granger
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC, 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request \$3,300,000 for a community project funding request for the City of Pocatello Johnny Creek Septic Municipal Connection. The intended recipient is the City of Pocatello located at 911 N 7th Avenue Pocatello, ID 83201. The funding would be used to connect residences with failing septic systems in the Johnny Creek Road area to the municipal wastewater system. The project would be a good use of valuable taxpayer funds because the Johnny Creek area comprises approximately 850 residences, of which about 220 are not connected to the municipal sewer system and instead have private septic systems. A significant number of homeowners in the Johnny Creek area have failed or failing septic systems. Studies of the area have shown raising nitrate levels in the Portneuf Aquifer are directly related to the large number of septic systems in the area. It is imperative to connect these outliers to the municipal wastewater system to ensure a modern responsible septic regime for the region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Simpson".

M.C.

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress